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Josephine Forbes has a slight attack of grippe, so E., I and the children lunched together, then went to see an exciting movie which the kids adored about the Canadian Mounted Police and Indians. There was lots of carnage and a variety of tomahawk, bow and arrow, and musket display.

I had a long talk with Harold Callender this afternoon regarding the French Cabinet struggle over instructions to the French Delegation to the EPC gathering in Rome. Harold, a remarkably thorough reporter with excellent sources, thinks French hesitancy over EDC and EPC is governed as far as several of the chief actors are concerned by sordid domestic political motives and believes a favorable vote on EDC, even assuming a Saar settlement, is far from certain.

Alphand and Griselda Forbes came to dinner tonight. Hervé and I talked for , hours about his particular projects. He has been definitely rejected by Bidault as head of the French Delegation to the Rome Conference. He is encouraged nevertheless by the results of recent Cabinet meetings where the attempt to eliminate any real supranational executive body seems to have partially failed.

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